

TR/PA/E/19

ENGLISH

Full Marks – 100

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. (a) Write an essay (within 400 words) on either of the following topics : 25

(i) Men and trees

(ii) Wide use of mobile phones and their limitations.

Or

- (b) (i) Prepare a report for a local daily, of the inauguration of Book Fair – 2019.

Or

- (ii) A City club as its drive towards 'healthy body, healthy mind' has arranged a sports competition among the children of the locality. As the Secretary of the club, write a report of this event for the club magazine.

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Or

- (c) (i) Write a letter to your friend describing how you have enjoyed Saraswati Puja, this year in your old school, after a long time. (Word limit : 400 words).

Or

- (ii) Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily complaining against the cruelty towards stray animals by some people – which is not expected in a civilized society. (Word limit : 400 words).

2. Make a precis of the given passage and suggest a suitable title : 16+4=20

The Vivekananda Rock is so called because Swami Vivekananda once spent sometime there in meditation. After travelling around the country for three years, sometimes on foot and sometimes by rail, he came to the southernmost tip of India in Cape Comorin. He was exhausted and mentally disturbed by the conditions he had seen in rural India. He saw poverty, ignorance and tyranny of caste wherever he went. The lower caste were treated like 'next door to brutes'. The rich and

the educated were selfish. They had no feeling for the common people – which made him say, “India’s national sin is the neglect of the masses.”

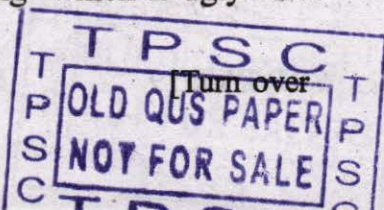
Swamiji felt, there were three problems which must be tackled immediately : uplift of the masses, giving women the same status as men, and eradication of the caste virus. He wanted educated people to take lead in these matters. But they did not think they had any obligation to help the poor and the backward. Swamiji blamed the prevailing system of education. It made people selfish, mean and wicked.

Earning money was the only purpose of education. They learnt to be smart and clever, but they never became true men.

Or

Write a summary of the following passage : .

When the earth was formed, God made sure that it was balanced beautifully, giving appropriate weightage to each living and non-living things. Still we see, most of us appreciate beauty and look down upon something which is ugly. But



sometimes it happens that it is the ugly which turns out to be more useful to Society than the magnificent creatures. Thus while a bald headed, grizzled-necked vulture also known as the scavenger is busy keeping the environment clean by disposing of the dead and decayed bodies – a beautiful peacock with all its colour and brilliant plume is only an eye-candy. Vultures are doing the work, which keeps the living things hale and hearty. Unfortunately, the vultures have been ignored by men. Very few among us are aware of their valuable work and also the fact that they are dwindling away. Fortunately, some people have become conscious at last and are thinking that man has to do something to save the bird from becoming extinct.

3. (a) Correct the errors, if any, in any *five* of the following sentences : $2 \times 5 = 10$

(i) Wait until I do not return.

(ii) Due to the accident, he could not go.

(iii) I am tired with this work.

(iv) He was elected as Chairman.

(v) Ram was married with Sita.

(vi) She is working in this office since 2011.

(vii) I am having a bike.

(viii) Unless you do not work you will fail.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

My dog, Brown goes and stands _____ the chair, where my unsuspecting cat, Britney has been sleeping for an hour. Suddenly Brown barks as loudly as he can. Britney jumps _____ the air, _____ the chair and falls flat _____ the floor. I have been watching the whole thing hidden _____ the curtain.

4. Punctuate the following passage : 10

the knowledge of english of the students of most of the secondary school is very poor this is quite evident from the results of the madhyamik examination where the percentage of failure is very high a look into the answer papers of the students makes it clear that their knowledge of idiom is average of composition below standard of grammar unsatisfactory.

